# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 18 Nov 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 19 Nov 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 18 Nov 2020 at 02:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for a significant change to conditions in the hills through Wednesday and Thursday as colder air sets in. Also high for a brief return to milder/wetter conditions on Friday but some uncertainty in detail.

**Headline for Wednesday 18 Nov 2020:** Temperatures falling markedly allowing heavy rain to turn to snow.

**Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 18 Nov 2020**

**Blizzards**
Low Likelihood

**Heavy Snow**
Medium Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
No Likelihood

**Gales**
Medium Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
Medium Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
Medium Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
Medium Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
No Likelihood

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Heavy Rain | Heavy Rain | Sleet | Sleet showers | Sleet showers (night) | Sleet showers (night) |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 80% | 60% | 60% | 50% | 50% | 50% |

**Forecast for Wednesday 18 Nov 2020**

**Weather:** Heavy rain will gradually turn more sporadic through morning with a few more sheltered eastern parts turning dry while rain remains focussed along the west coast. A drier, brighter afternoon looks likely but this short lived as rain sets in from the north and west again, this turning increasingly to snow above 700m through evening, then 400m by midnight.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 50% for a few hours through afternoon as rain abates and skies tend to clear, otherwise 10 % at best with cloud generally extensive above 500-700m.

**Visibility:** Widely limited to less than a kilometre above modest height as rain, cloud and snow hamper visibility. Improving briefly through afternoon though with some distant views on offer.

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**Forecast for Wednesday 18 Nov 2020**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 49/57 SW | 24/30 SW | 32/40 SW | 38/48 SW | 28/37 SW | 28/37 NW | 41/54 N |
| **900** | 45/53 SW | 22/28 SW | 30/38 SW | 37/47 SW | 27/36 SW | 26/35 NW | 39/53 N |
| **600** | 32/40 SW | 16/21 SW | 22/30 SW | 26/38 SW | 20/29 SW | 19/28 NW | 32/45 N |
| **300** | 4/39 SW | 2/20 SW | 7/30 SW | 10/36 SW | 8/27 SW | 10/28 NW | 14/45 N |
| **Glen** | 16/34 S | 4/14 SW | 13/26 SW | 16/33 SW | 12/24 SW | 15/29 N | 21/44 N |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 7/0 | 6/0 | 3/-4 | -0/-9 | -0/-8 | -0/-8 | -3/-14 |
| **900** | 8/1 | 6/1 | 4/-3 | 1/-8 | 0/-7 | 1/-6 | -3/-12 |
| **600** | 9/4 | 8/4 | 6/1 | 3/-3 | 3/-3 | 3/-3 | -0/-8 |
| **300** | 11/11 | 10/9 | 8/6 | 6/2 | 4/1 | 5/2 | 2/-3 |
| **Glen** | 13/10 | 11/11 | 10/8 | 8/4 | 7/4 | 7/4 | 4/-1 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 2300m | 1800m | 1500m | 900m | 1000m | 900m | 500m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**

Ground conditions will be widely sodden due to recent and ongoing rainfall with small watercourses in spate. A marked drop in temperatures through the day with winter conditions setting in across all ranges this evening.

**Forecast for Thursday 19 Nov 2020**

**Weather:** Bitterly cold with scattered snow showers to start the day, these bringing a light cover above around 400m roughly northwards of Torridon before fading through afternoon. Away from these showers, bright and often sunny conditions expected with increasingly light winds. Rain/hill snow reaching the west coast by midnight.

**Maximum wind:** Northwest 25-30 gusting 40mph, easing to 10-15mph through afternoon then backing southerly through evening.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 60% increasing 90% with the bulk of low cloud confined to showers, but these bringing cloud briefly down to 300m.

**Visibility:** Very limited during passing snow showers, likely down to less than 100m at times, but excellent away from these.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Minus 2C rising to plus 2C.
**At 800m:** Minus 4C.
**Freezing level:** 200-400m.

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